

Why Episcopacy?

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As the bible teaches us, "for everything there is a season and there is a time for every matter under heaven.

And Africa together with Namibia proclaims that this is the time for Rev. A.E. to answer the call of high service, that of being a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

As his campaign theme the Rev. A.E. is calling on the entire African Methodism and is reminding the church of the noble objectives that were voted upon in 2000, which the church started to implement in 2004.

Walk with me as Jesus does,
Talk with me as Christ does,
Tell me I am your own as "Immanuel"
does.



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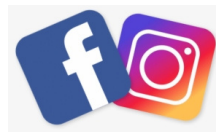
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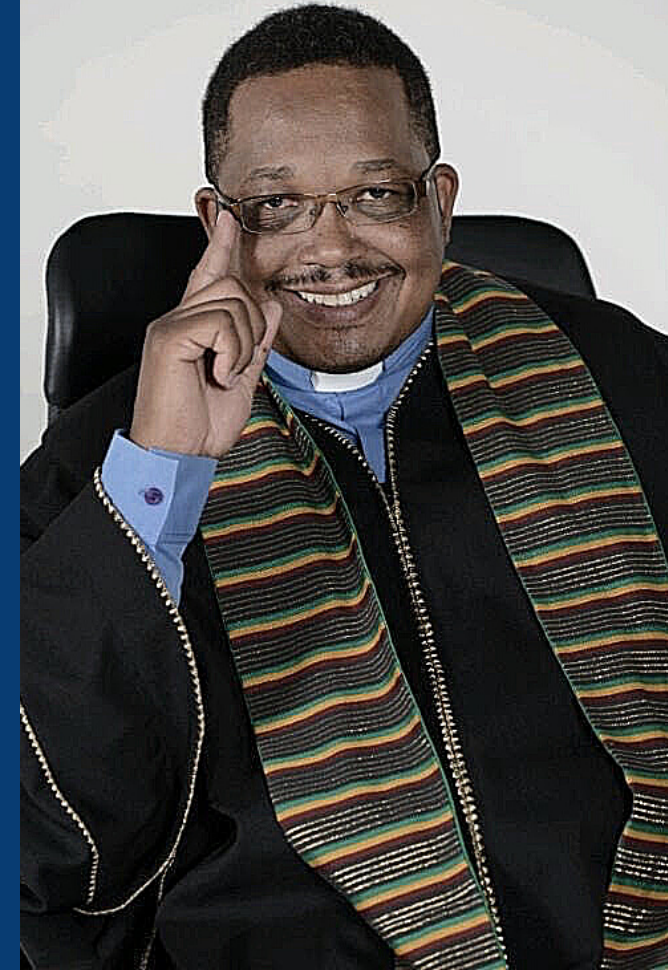
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"It's time to do the right thing"

Deuteronomy 6:17-19 / 1 Peter 3:13-17



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capacities. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Africa Jurisdictional Council (now Global Development Council) as the co-author of its legislation. He was elected as the treasurer of the 15th Episcopal District and also served as a representative to the General Board and the GDC on several occasions. Rev. Biwa is well-traveled and has represented the church at the General Conference, the Government of Namibia at the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

Throughout his illustrious career, Rev. Biwa has fashioned around two scriptures, Romans 8:28 and Psalm 23:6. As a shepherd, he has devoted his life to saving souls for Jesus Christ. Many members repented under his shepherding, many that went astray and estranged rejoined the fold, many that never knew the Lord heard the good news of the risen Christ, and many were baptized. Rev. Biwa is a seasoned preacher who has continued to develop his homiletics skills and is known as a preacher par excellence.

Rev. Biwa has distinguished himself as a visionary leader, servant pastor, gifted crusader, talented crafter, shepherd, empathetic brother, and caring father. Consequently, the Rev. A.E. Biwa is now ready to be a candidate for Episcopal service of the AME Church in 2024. When God grants us all the grace and mercy, at the General Conference 2024, I implore you to remember Rev. A.E. Biwa, P.E., candidate for Bishop 2024. **"It's time to do the right thing"!**

in these capacities, answered the call to preach from on high. He was admitted to ministry at the Namibia Annual Conference in 1994. Rev. Biwa was ordained as an itinerant deacon of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop Haroldt Ben Senatle and received his elder ordination in 1998.

Rev. Biwa served different churches in rural and urban communities across Namibia. His most notable appointments in rural communities were at Bethel AMEC Schlip, where he commenced the renovation of the sanctuary and build a one-bedroom parsonage, as well as Easter Michael Gordon AME Church at Vaalgras - where he is currently undertaking the renovation and expansion of the church facilities.

In urban communities, Rev. Biwa served the mother church, BGK Ebenezer AME Church at Katutura, Windhoek. During his tenure at Ebenezer AME, Rev. Biwa led renovation initiatives of the sanctuary and church office and acquired church transportation. While serving at BGK Ebenezer AME, Rev. Biwa was appointed to

St. John AME Church at Walvisbay, and served two churches concomitantly. During his tenure at St. John AME, he renovated the church, built a church office and additional ablution facilities, and purchased a church vehicle.

In 2006, Rev. Biwa was appointed to St. Mark AME Church at Gibeon where he implemented a strategy that resulted in significant spiritual, church, and financial growth. His dedication to the flock and demonstration of savvy church administration poised him to become a Presiding Elder in the AME Church. Rev. Biwa was appointed as the Presiding Elder of the Windhoek District, the largest district in the Conference. He simultaneously served as the pastor of St. Andrew AME Church, where he built community among church members and spearheaded an extensive renovation and repair of the sanctuary and purchased a church bus.

Rev. Biwa also served as the Presiding Elder of the Hoachanas District, where he administered a community project to help generate income for the community at Schlip. These funds were used to acquire fifteen hectares of land that included the sanctuary of Bethel AMEC. During his tenure, Rev. Biwa, with the assistance of the members of the Hoachanas District and the Conference Trustees, managed the litigation, repossession, and ownership of church buildings from the splinter church at Hoachanas.

Service to the Church

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Meet the Candidate

Rev. Albert Eberhardt Biwa is an itinerant elder in the 15th Episcopal District, Namibia Conference. He is the pastor of Easter Michael Gordon AME Church at Vaalgras and the Presiding Elder of the Keetmanshoop District. Rev. Biwa answered the call to ministry in 1994 and has served the church diligently and with joy for thirty (30) years. Rev. Biwa is married to Magrietha Biwa, his devoted partner in missions, and is the father of five talented and vibrant children, Donovan, Andrea, Sophia, Ann, and Albert (II).

Rev. Biwa is the son of Rev. Dr. Andreas Biwa and Mother Sophia Biwa, pioneers of the AME Church in Namibia. He was born into the Biwa clan, a prominent family with a history in politics and black social activism. His parents instilled deep religious devotion in Rev. Biwa and his siblings. Rev. Biwa is a fourth-generation preacher who is committed to following in their footsteps and living his life for Christ.

Education & Professional Career

Rev. Biwa is a graduate of the University of Namibia, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education. He started his professional career as a high school teacher of science and mathematics and later transitioned to become the chief of research and development at the Directorate of Science and Technology of Namibia. Today, he serves his country and people as a deputy director of social welfare. His visionary leadership and notable people skills convinced both the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and the Minister of Health and Social Services to appoint him as the Board Director of the Social Security Commission of Namibia and the Namibia Institute of Pathology, respectively.

Rev. Biwa is also a graduate of the University of South Africa, where he earned degrees in Bachelor of Theology Honours (BTh. Hons) and Master of Theology (MTh). Rev. Biwa is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Theology from the same University.

Journey to Ministry

Rev. Biwa is deeply anchored in his faith and this devotion is evidenced by his service in different divisions of the AME church. As a youth, he served in various offices within the Young Peoples Division, where he developed leadership skills and competencies in different disciplines. This acuity led to him serving as advisor to various Conference Lay Presidents.

Rev. Biwa served as a lay preacher and steward at Ebenezer AME Church at Windhoek, and, while serving